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Application of: Burns et al.
Serial Number: 09/576,720
Filed: 05/23/2000
For: Nonwoven Laminate Structure

Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner: Pratt, Christopher

Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks to bring the application into compliance for purposes of continued examination. In a telephone conference with the Examiner Applicants have been advised that the claims in the amendment filed 21 April 2003 must be renumbered to exclude the use of claim numbers which were the subject of requested cancellation in an earlier amendment filed 6 January, 2003. Applicants were under the impression that the amendment of 6 January, 2003 had not been entered. Thus, in the amendment of 21 April the claims were represented with their original numbering so as to promote ease of examination. Applicants regret any confusion caused to the PTO docketing staff. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the amendment the application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of all outstanding rejections and prompt allowance and passage to issue is requested at this time.